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PRESS ADVISORY

NASHVILLE -- Viola Miller, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, and Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice Steve Hornsby are planning to be in northeast Tennessee Friday to discuss the enhancements at the Johnson City Observation and Assessment Center.

The O & A Center is facility for boys who have been adjudicated delinquent by the courts. The center's work helps determine the best placements for boys who must come into state custody.

Now, it will be offering new programs and new services to help these boys and their families. Commissioner Miller and Deputy Commissioner Hornsby plan to join local officials, judges and service providers at a reception Friday afternoon (at the Regional Health Office auditorium, not the center itself).

The O & A Center serves youth and families from the eight counties in upper northeast Tennessee. Each year, up to 125 boys come through the center's doors.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007
2:00 P.M.

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